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Good afternoon,

My name is Keith Stewart and I am unable to attend the March 11 Judiciary committee meeting. I would like to speak my word on several bills that are on the Agenda.

HB 6962:

I am adamantly opposed to this bill. If you have a minor living in your residence, I understand the need to have your firearms stored and locked. I have three children that are all adults now, but when they were minors, I would lock and store my firearms correctly. Myself, just like the vast majority of responsible, permitted Connecticut citizens, taught their children gun safety and rules.

This bill proposes that even though my children are all gone, I must store and lock my weapons. This is a violation of my right to protect myself and my wife. How am I to fend off a criminal breaking into my home if I have to somehow get to the basement where the gun safe is and open the combination, grab the weapon and load it?

Also, why should my criminal and civil liability increase if somehow, someone managed to take a weapon or weapons against my will?

This should be stricken entirely, not increased.

SB650:

I am against this bill due to the fact that gun confiscation should not follow a TRO or an RO without the full measure of the due process that is in place now.

HB6848:

The current 14 day hearing period from the TRO process should be left alone. Right to carry Connecticut citizens with permits should not be subjected to confiscation within 24 hours of a TRO.

The State police have no right under current Connecticut law to do this until the entire 14 day hearing process has been implemented and completed.

I also disagree with the proposed bill changing the law that if there is a citizen affected by a TRO, they would not be able to legally transfer to another person through an FFL. Instead, they would have to surrender them or the State police would confiscate their weapons. Not only is this Orwellian, but it is a total violation of the state of Connecticut's constitution.

Article 1 Section 15 states:

"Every citizen has the right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state"

Respectfully yours and a concerned Connecticut citizen,

Keith Philip Stewart